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Hon. Wm. McKinley Inaugurated President To-Day.

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The Proceedings Marked by Tumultuous Demonstration, Showing the Respect and Esteem of the People.

BEGINNING OF AN ERA OF PROSPERITY.

Washington, March 4.—Today for the ninth time, a native-born citizen of Ohio, in the presence of multitudinous thousands of his countrymen, took the oath which bound him for four years to guard the welfare of the American people. It was an impressive yet beautiful ceremony, and made the accession of William McKinley to the highest office of the nation a signal event throughout the world. Behind the presidential carriage, riding in state, was John Allison Porter, private secretary of the president-elect. In other carriages were the cabinet, general Miles and the members of his staff, the black horse troop, forming the president's escort, fell in rear of the carriages.

The magnificence of regular United States troops was more numerous than any gathered since Grant's great display at the close of the war. Seven thousand soldiers had their citizens and helped to swell its magnificence proportionately.

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The head of the procession appeared at the inaugural stand at 12:45 p.m. When President Cleveland and Mr. McKinley approached the platform the throng broke forth into prolonged cheers.

At 1:18 p.m. President McKinley took the oath administered by Chief Justice Fuller.

When the presidential carriage reached the capitol, general Porter gave a helping hand to President Cleveland and then to the president-elect.

Senator Caffey, democrat, escorted President Cleveland, and President elect McKinley walked after, beside his secretary of state. Thus they entered the senate wing of the capitol, and President-elect McKinley went to the vice-president's room and President Cleveland and cabinet to their rooms.

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White breakfasting, the president-elect submitted his family physician, who expressed his gratification at the excellent condition of his patient. The first official dinner was Chairman Bell, of the inaugurations committee.

After breakfast, the president-elect went out for a walk for a few moments.

He selected pleasureable persons, including newspaper men and an enterprising veteran, who insisted on shaking hands with the president of the United States. He met his mother in the corridor, kissed her tenderly, invited her health, then led her gently into a sitting room, and placed her in a chair corner of a soft lounge.

At five o'clock, Captain Jackson and Major General McRae, of the cavalry, appointed to conduct the inauguration, appeared and announced that they had come to escort the president-elect to the hotel.

As the president-elect emerged from the private entrance of the Kilbitt house, he saw the tall form of Senator Sherman. There was a roar of applause that shook the building. The street was packed with solid mass. While the police struggled to clear a passage through the crowd, the president-elect stood at the head of the steps and bowed his acknowledgment. He stepped forward and in the opposite direction of the crowd, and under the escort of trap, a Cleveland crack cavalry, comprising about a hundred members mounted on black chargers. President-elect McKinley was cheered generously during his ride.

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Mr. Hobart advanced to the preceding chair and called the senate to order.

Chaplain Milburn in an impressive voice opened the first session of the new senate.

When the chaplain closed, Vice President Hobart, speaking in strong, well modulated tones, delivered his introductory address.

Mr. Hobart spoke briefly, expressing his appreciation of the high honor of the position of presiding officer of the senate, and said that it was his desire to co-operate with the rules of the senate, but promised to do his best to faithfully discharge every duty. He asked for the co-operation of the senators in his efforts to expedite business and make the work of the senate a benefit to the whole people.

NEW SENATORS TAKE OATH.

The proclamation of intention to take office, having been read, Vice President Hobart requested the new senators to advance and take the oath. It was 1:35 p.m. when the last oath had been administered and the formal exit began, the supreme court justices going first, and Mr. Cleveland, President McKinley, and the

officials following. Just before the official party started, Mrs. McKinley and the sister of President McKinley were reported to the front of the capitol where the oath of office was to be taken by the new president. The occupants of the public gallery were held in their places for some time in order not to block the procession of the officials.

DAZZLING AND INSPIRING.

A dazzling and inspiring scene spread out before McKinley as he appeared on the steps of the senate wing of the capitol to take the oath and deliver his inaugural address. The sun blazed from the blue-sky an auspicious augury for his administration.

In 1888 there has been no such ideal day for this momentous ceremony. Immediately in the front, acres of upturned faces were wistful so closely to the broad plaza that the radiating avenues seemed a vast pavilion of human life. The winter sun, breaking the snow, was pasted with people. Every available perch on the capitol buildings was occupied. The terraces in front were precipitous hillocks of humanity.

The broad platform, smothered with national flags, on which the ceremony occurred, was built out into the crowd in the form of a right angle. McKinley and the other officials were seated on a small raised platform, partially separated with blood-red bunting at the apex angle. The square space at the juncture angle was filled with about a thousand chairs, reserved for those entitled to admission to the floor of the senate. The benches, which ran back tier upon tier in both directions, were occupied by those who filled the senate galleries. Proceeded by two military aides, Mrs. McKinley and party emerged first from the senate wing and were escorted to seats on the platform in advance of the procession.

McKINLEY AND LEAVELAND IN IRON.

The crowd waited fifteen minutes more before the processional proper appeared. First came Mr. Wilson, the chief of the district of Columbia, and Mr. McKinley, marshal of the supreme court, then the justices of the supreme court. Col. bright, the sergeant-at-arms of the senate, and the sergeant-at-arms of the house, preceded by the judges of the circuit and district courts, and the commissioners of the general land office, followed the marshals.

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Major McKinley raised his hat in acknowledgment. He looked noticeably pale. With President Cleveland and Major McKinley in the carriage were the principal commissioners, and the presidential carriage, riding in state, was John Allison Porter, private secretary of the president-elect. In both carriages were the cabinet, general Miles and the members of his staff. The black horse troop, forming the president's escort, fell in rear of the carriages.

Following the Cleveland troop, came the military, the commander of the district of Columbia National guard, with a glittering staff of aids. There were 1200 men in this division, all in the uniform of the national guard.

The line moved down the avenue through a black mass of cheering thousands. McKinley lifted his hat at intervals.

It was twenty minutes past 11 o'clock when the head of the parade received the bronze monument on Pennsylvania avenue below the steps to the west front capital. The parade was twenty-five minutes past the moment when there was a mighty gathering of American people. The gathering had been held during the night, and as the sun there remained only a steady breeze, it enough frost to ease the pressure of spectators and to ensure the maintenance of a line unbroken.

Major McKinley arose and uncovered, while Chief Justice Fuller in flowing robes addressed the oath. The new president knew the large gilt-edged bibles, presented by the bishops of the African Methodist church, to seal his oath.

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